

IN THE COUNTY LEGISLATURE OF JACKSON COUNTY, MISSOURI

A RESOLUTION recognizing the retirement of Mark Bryant after 50 years of service.

RESOLUTION NO. 21931, June 2, 2025

INTRODUCED BY DaRon McGee, Donna Peyton, Jalen Anderson, Megan L. Marshall, Manuel Abarca IV, Venessa Huskey, Charlie Franklin, Jeanie Lauer, and Sean E. Smith, County Legislators

WHEREAS, Mark Bryant, a Rouse Frets White Goss Gentile Rhodes attorney recognized as one of the best land use and public law lawyers in the Kansas City metropolitan area, is retiring after a 50-year legal career; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Bryant was a former member of the City Council in Kansas City, Missouri, his experience with codes that affect real estate development gave him an edge to help developers and public agencies; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Bryant has worked with large retailers, public utility companies, and real estate developers to obtain the land use approvals and entitlements needed to conduct business; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Bryant, has represented high-profile clients seeking variances, special use permits, zoning changes, annexation, eminent domain, and redevelopment incentives in Missouri and Kansas; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Bryant, in 2015 received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the University of Missouri-Kansas City, where he earned his law degree after completing his bachelor's from the University of Central Missouri; and,

WHEREAS, in addition to serving on the Kansas City Council, Mr. Bryant was a member of the city's Tax Increment Financing Commission, Land Clearance for Redevelopment Corporation, and Economic Development Corporation; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Bryant is also a member of local, state and national bar associations; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Bryant also served as president of the Negro Leagues Baseball Museum Board of Directors, a member of the Friends of the Kansas City Zoo Executive Committee, and Executive Director of the Onyx Development Corporation in Kansas City; and,

WHEREAS, the Legislature and Jackson County realizes the importance of recognizing the retirement of Mr. Mark Bryant as he has been a pillar in the Jackson County community and has displayed many years of leadership; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the County Legislature of Jackson County, Missouri, that the Legislature hereby recognizes and celebrates the retirement of Mark Bryant.

Effective Date: This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon its passage by a majority of the Legislature.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Bryan Covinsky

Bryan Covinsky (May 22, 2025 13:59 CDT)

County Counselor

Certificate of Passage

I hereby certify that the attached resolution, Resolution No. 21931 of June 2, 2025, was duly passed on June 2, 2025 by the Jackson County Legislature. The votes thereon were as follows:

Yeas 9

Nays 0

Abstaining 0

Absent 0

6.2.2025
Date

Mary Jo Spino
Mary Jo Spino, Clerk of Legislature